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SUBJECT: DHEW TEAM VISIT

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1. WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT DR. PAUL EHRLICH PLANS TO VISIT INDIA
APRIL 1 THROUGH 3 WITH DHEW TEAM.

2. JOINT SECRETARY KUTTY WELCOMES VISIT REFTEL (B).
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF HEALTH SERVICES, SHRIVASTAV INDICATED THAT FROM
APRIL 2 THROUGH 10 THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ANNUAL MINISTRY OF HEALTH
(MOH) SPECIALIZED MEETINGS WHICH HE IS CHAIRING AND WHICH WILL TIE
UP MANY HEALTH SPECIALISTS IN THE MINISTRY AND GOI HEALTH INSTI-
TUTIONS. IF THIS IS ONLY POSSIBLE TIME FOR EHRLICH VISIT HOWEVER,
WE WILL MAKE ALL OUT EFFORTS FOR MEETING WITH SHRIVASTAV. HE WANTS
TO MEET WITH EHRLICH TO TAKE UP DIALOGUE INTERRUPTED OVER A
YEAR AGO CONCERNING EXPANDED COOPERATION BETWEEN MOH AND DHEW IN
AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST, PARTICULARLY HEALTH SERVICE DELIVERY AND
METHODOLOGY, FOOD AND DRUG RESEARCH AND ENVIRONEMNTAL HEALTH.

DR. C. GOPALAN, DIRECTOR GENERAL, INDIAN COUNCIL OF MEDICAL
RESEARCH (ICMR) ALSO WANTS TO MEET WITH EHRLICH TO DISCUSS MEDICAL
RESEARCH PRIORITIES AND FUTURE JOINT RESEARCH COOPERATION. IT IS
OUR FEELING ICMR WILL BE ELEVATED BY THE MOH TO GREATER AUTONOMY
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AS THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT BODY FOR THE COORDINATION AND SUPPORT

OF BIOMEDICAL AND HEALTH RESEARCH. APPOINTMENTS WILL ALSO BE REQUESTED WITH DR. KARAN SINGH - MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND A. RAMACHANDRAN, SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

3. APRIL 1 IS AN INDIAN HOLIDAY, EMBASSY AND GOI OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED. HOWEVER, TIME COULD BE PROFITABLY SPENT ON BRIEFINGS AND PERHAPS INFORMAL LUNCHEON OR DINNER WITH KEY INDIAN SCIENTISTS.

PLEASE ADVISE US AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE CONFIRMATION ETA ETD COMPOSITION OF TEAM, AND REQUESTS OF VARIOUS TEAM MEMBERS FOR VISITS TO INSTITUTIONS AND WITH INDIVIDUAL SCIENTISTS

4. MORE DETAILED DATA WILL BE CABLED TO EHRLICH AND TEAM WHEN TRIP IS CONFIRMED.SCHNEIDER

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